


Fresh Boles,	-	"	200	18
Canton Salmon,	-	"	140	11

Rock Fish,	"	200	18
Shark Fish,	"	80	7
Skate,	"	140	12
Turbot,	"	140	12
Gurnet,	"	140	12
Parrot Fish,	"	160	14
Snake,	"	80	7
Fresh Water Fish,	"	160	14
Snipe Fish,	"	100	8
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, Macao,	catty	40	2
"	Japau,	40	2
"	Californian,	"	"
"	Sweet,	20	1
"	New	"	"
Yams,	"	40	2
Cocoa,	"	30	2
Turnip, Salt,	"	30	2
Carrots, Salt,	"	40	2
"	Fresh,	40	2
Spinage,	"	40	2
Indian Corn,	"	"	"
Young Bamboo shoots,	"	50	"
Cabbage, Large Macao,	catty	240	17
Cabbage, White Canton,	each	40	"
"	Common,	20	"
Cauliflower,	"	140	12
Letuce,	small bun,	30	"
Celery,	catty	30	"
Parsley Chinese,	"	30	"
"	English,	"	"
Beans, broad,	"	"	"
"	Long,	"	"
"	French,	"	"
"	Stringed,	80	"
Green Peas, in the Shell,	"	60	"
Tomatoes,	"	100	"
Asparagus,	box	300	2
Chilies, Dried,	catty	250	20
"	Green,	80	"
Garlic,	"	50	"
Ginger,	"	40	"
Curry Stuff,	"	200	1
Pumpkins,	"	30	"
Large Onions, Bonibuy,	"	160	1
Green Onions,	bundle	40	"
Shalots,	catty	80	"
Turnips,	"	30	"
Cucumbers,	"	70	"
Egg Plant,	"	40	"
Water Cross,	catty	50	"
Mushroom, Dried,	catty	250	2
Okras,	"	100	"
English Turnips,	"	80	"
Radishes,	"	40	"
Green Sprouts,	"	40	"
Fruits.			
Mandarin Oranges,	catty	80	"
Ceilo Oranges,	"	40	"
Lemons,	"	"	"
Pineapples,	each	100	"
Pumelos,	each	100	"
Pears, Canton,	catty	"	"
Peaches, Fresh,	"	"	"
"	Dried,	110	1
Plums,	"	"	"
Coconuts,	each	60	"
Pomegranate,	"	80	"
Plantains,	catty	40	"
Wompes,	"	"	"
Chestnuts,	"	140	"
Walnuts,	"	120	"
Mangustones,	"	"	"
Peanuts,	"	40	"
Tamarinds,	"	"	"
Almonds,	"	400	"
Currants,	"	800	"
Raisins,	"	350	"
Bananas,	"	60	"
Grapes,	"	650	"
Strawberries,	"	"	"
Nankiu Figs,	"	160	"
Peking Peaches,	"	100	"
Common Pears,	"	"	"
Winter Pears,	"	"	"
Ground Nuts,	"	20	"
Hazel-nuts,	"	"	"
Loquats,	"	"	"
Figs, Dried,	bottle	500	"
Dates,	catty	"	"
Prunes Dried,	"	500	"
Carambolas,	"	"	"
Jack Fruit,	"	"	"
Plums, Water,	"	"	"
Limes,	"	70	"
Castard Apples,	each	"	"
Rose Apples,	catty	"	"
Mulberries,	"	"	"
Sugar Cane,	stick	20	"
Guavas,	catty	"	"
Dried Apples,	"	400	"
Miscellaneous.			
Tapioca,	bottle	800	"
Vermicelli,	box	1500	"
Macaroni,	"	1500	"
Chinese Vermicelli,	catty	160	"
Curry Powder,	bottle	350	"
Split Peas,	catty	60	"
Rice,	"	60	"
Paddy,	picul	2000	"
Brn,	"	2500	"
Flour,	catty	60	"
Sago,	"	100	"
Flour, China,	"	160	"
Pearl Barley,	"	160	"
Sago,	"	100	"
Coarse Salt,	"	15	"
Fine Salt,	"	90	"
Pepper (whole),	"	200	"
"	(ground)	"	"
Coffee,	bottle	280	"
Onions,	catty	300	"
Nutmegs,	each	10	"
Capors,	bottle	200	"
Olives,	"	350	"
Mustard,	"	850	"
Mango Chutney,	"	350	"
Pickles,	"	250	"
Gram, new,	picul	4000	"
English Vinegar,	bottle	350	"
Mace,	catty	700	"
Cinnamon,	"	800	"
Cloves,	"	800	"
Jeinglass,	"	75	

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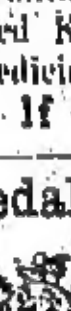
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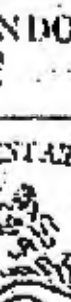
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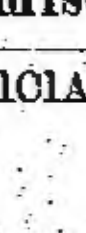
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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.



BRITISH CONSULATE,
CANTON, 23rd January, 1887.

The undersigned has the honor to announce to the public, for the information of the British community at this port, the accompanying despatch from His Excellency Sir Rudolf Alcock, K.C.B., H.M.'s Minister in China, with its enclosure, urging on British subjects the necessity of great caution in the acceptance from the Chinese of written guarantees commonly called "Security Chops."

D. B. ROBERTSON,
H.B.M.'s Consul.

Copy, Circular No. 16.

PEKING, October 27, 1887.

SIR,—I have to call attention to a notification issued by Mr Consul Medhurst copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information. It conveys a useful warning to British subjects as to the necessity of great caution in the acceptance from the Chinese of written guarantees commonly called "Security Chops." The difference between the Chinese law and customs on our own on this head renders them of great degree, as experience has shewn, valueless, and for any security they might afford useless without there is of British and colonial security. It would be well therefore to ensure publicity to the enclosure within your jurisdiction, as a fair copy of the actual conditions which are attached to the value of such guarantees in any application to the Chinese authorities for execution.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) RUTHERFORD ALCOCK
D. B. Robertson, Esq., C.B.
H.B.M.'s Consul, Canton.

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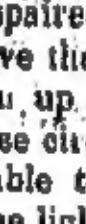
The undersigned desires to call the attention of British subjects in this port to the necessity of exercising great caution in the acceptance from the Chinese of written guarantees commonly called "Security Chops." The experience of the past two years, during which numerous suits have been instituted in this Consular Court with almost unvarying ill success, against the Chinese who have failed to fulfil the conditions of written guarantees, sufficiently proves that documents, in this part of China, at any rate, are comparatively worthless for the purposes which they are given and taken—namely, additional protection of the obligee from risk of loss. This is to be accounted for, not from any informality in the documents themselves, but from the fact that the Chinese are in the habit of regarding a surety rather in the light of a person who comes forward to recommend a principal, or to assist him towards the attainment of some cherished object, than as a person who assumes to himself the obligation of standing to all intents and purposes as a surety for the principal, and to fulfil all his obligations with and for him. To prevail upon this qualified idea of the position and duties of a surety, to make good practice here, is to place a surety to receive a consideration for the use of his name, with the understanding that individual responsibility follows upon the occasion. The Chinese authorities moreover have been found to support this view, for they have always persistently refused to accept upon the principle that a surety is to be regarded as equally responsible with his principal for all obligations entered into by the latter, which former undertakes shall be fulfilled; and they plead in excuse that Chinese judicial practice does not involve the liability of a surety for the acts and default of his principal, and that he is always careful to treat a surety when involved through the misconduct of his principal with peculiar lenity, and will not allow of his being prosecuted or pressed until the abilities of the principal to make good are completely exhausted. It is therefore, of no matter how slight or how positive the terms in which the guarantee may be drawn up.

Under these circumstances, it is clear that it is not desirable to regard Chinese "Security Chops" in the light of solemn guarantees, to be construed, as with ourselves, to the very letter, but that they should always be accepted with that reservation, both as regards construction and intention, which seems inseparable from such instruments according to Chinese habits of thought, and which reservation should be thoroughly remembered his countrymen when taking such documents, either to accept or to be protected by some collateral security, which will fall back in case of need, or to avoid placing their entire reliance on them which they are accustomed to accord to similar transactions in the West.

W. H. MEDHURST, Consul.

BRITISH CONSULATE,
Hankow, 24th. June, 1887.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.



BRITISH CONSULATE,
CANTON, June 6th, 1887.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice that in consequence of the decease of Mr. E. L. LANGE, lately British Consul Agent at Macao, the functions of the British Consular Agency at that Port will temporarily be discharged by Mr. PRO MACQUEM, subject to and pending the sanction of Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking, and of H.M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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D. B. ROBERTSON,
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